

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-15 and 17 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has indicated the allowability of claims 1-15 in the April 22, 2005 Office Action, and the Examiner has indicated that claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, claim 16 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 17 has been amended to incorporate all of the subject matter of claim 16. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over 5,372,259 by Suzuki *et al.*, in view of either one of U.S. Patent No. 2,556,844 by Istwan and U.S. Patent No. 3,499,595 by Brooks.

Claim 16 has been cancelled. Accordingly, any rejections of this claim have been rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

As the Examiner has acknowledged that claims 1-15 are allowable and that claim 17, as amended herein, would be allowable, Applicant submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should any questions or issues arise concerning the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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